

## RESOLUTION NO. 6008

### **RESOLUTION OF THE SAUSALITO CITY COUNCIL AFFIRMING ITS COMMITMENT TO WORK WITH OUR REGIONAL AND LOCAL PARTNERS TO EXPLORE EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE SHELTER AND CARE TO THOSE WITHOUT A HOME AND TO TREAT ALL INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS WITH COMPASSION AND DIGNITY**

**WHEREAS**, as of January 2019, California had an estimated 151,278 people experiencing homelessness on any given day, as reported by Continuums of Care to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); and

**WHEREAS**, of that total, 7,044 were family households, 10,980 were Veterans, 11,993 were unaccompanied young adults (aged 18-24), and 41,557 were individuals experiencing chronic homelessness; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Sausalito has shown its commitment to reducing homelessness and providing housing opportunities for all segments of the community in the following goals, policies and programs in the City of Sausalito 2015-2023 Housing Element adopted January 13, 2015:

-Goal 5.0 **Promoting equal housing opportunities**: “Promote equal housing opportunities for all residents, including Sausalito’s special needs populations, so that residents can reside in the housing of their choice”; and

-Policy 5.6 **Homeless Housing and Services**: “Work cooperatively with Marin County and other applicable agencies to provide a continuum of care for the homeless, including emergency shelter, transitional housing, supportive housing and permanent affordable housing”; and

-Program 27 **Homeless Continuum of Care**:

“Support Countywide programs and the Marin Continuum of Care in the provision of resources to address the needs of the homeless and persons at risk of homelessness, including emergency shelter, transitional housing, supportive housing and permanent housing. Continue to provide flyers and information on the City’s website about the emergency 211 toll-free call system for information and referral”

Senate Bill 2 establishes requirements for emergency shelter ordinances. During the State HCDs review of Sausalito's draft 2015-2023 Housing Element, the State requested specific changes to the City's Emergency Shelter Ordinance that was adopted in July 2014. To address this issue, the City will amend Section 10.28.080 of the Municipal Code as follows: a) amend Sausalito Municipal Code Section 10.28.080.1.3 (Management Plan) to remove the words "for approval" in the sentence "Prior to commencing operation, the shelter operator shall provide a written management plan to the Director for approval" and add the words "(to the extent such services are

required)" after the phrase "The management plan shall address"; and b) eliminate Sausalito Municipal Code Section 10.28.080.I.4 (Annual Report).

**2015-2023 Objectives:** Support implementation of the Homeless Countywide Continuum of Care and continue to publicize the emergency 211 call system. In 2015, amend Sausalito Municipal Code Section 10.28.080.I.3 and Sausalito Municipal Code Section 10.28.080.I.4 as specified in Program 27."

**WHEREAS**, in 2016, the City Council adopted Ordinance Nos. 1235 and 1237 thereby making the modifications to the City's Emergency Shelter Ordinance and implemented Program 27 of the Housing Element; and

**WHEREAS**, the draft General Plan Update currently being considered by the Council includes Policy HS-5.3 "Provide for Compassion. Support organizations and service providers that provide aid and social support in Sausalito. Services that provide housing, transportation, healthcare, and other social services to vulnerable individuals and communities are an essential part of the greater Sausalito community;" and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Sausalito has been working with our regional and local representatives, the County of Marin, Marin County Health and Human Services, the Marin County Office of Veterans Services, local and regional non-profit organizations, and the faith-based community to provide needed services and find viable alternative shelter for the individuals in the Dunphy Park encampment; and

**WHEREAS**, since 2017, the City of Sausalito, in conjunction with the Richardson's Bay Regional Agency (RBRA), and the County of Marin, has participated in various efforts to preserve Richardson's Bay waters and assist anchor-outs and other vulnerable populations, including annual Richardson's Bay debris collection events , participation in the mobile showers offered by the Downtown Streets Team, and provision of grab-and-go bags of groceries from the San Francisco-Marin Food Bank during Mobile Shower visits during the pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to address vessels in Sausalito waters the City also developed the Safe Harbor Program – a partnership with the local marinas in Sausalito to find slips for sea worthy vessels that allow the boat's occupants a safe, secure place to dock and ready access to numerous benefits including transportation, sanitary facilities and employment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sausalito Police Department has hosted an annual Homeless Outreach Event in November for Sausalito's anchor-out and homeless communities providing attendees with access to free medical and dental care, clothing, and supplies.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL HEREBY RESOLVES:**

The City Council affirms its commitment to continue to work with its regional and local partners to explore every opportunity to provide shelter and care to those without a home and to treat all individuals experiencing homelessness with compassion and dignity.

**RESOLUTION PASSED AND ADOPTED**, at the regular meeting of the City Council on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of February 2021, by the following vote:

AYES:	Councilmember:	Sobieski, Cleveland-Knowles, Kellman, Mayor Hoffman
NOES:	Councilmember:	Blaustein
ABSENT:	Councilmember:	None
ABSTAIN:	Councilmember:	None

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